

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1           1. (currently amended) An electronic gaming apparatus comprising:  
2                 an electronic gaming device having a plurality of games accessible to a  
3             user;  
4                 a user-actuatable input means in communication with said electronic  
5             gaming device to communicate an input signal from said user; and  
6                 a game controller in communication with said user-actuatable input  
7             means, said game controller substantially simultaneously initiating play and substantially  
8             simultaneously continuing play of multiple ones of said plurality of games in response to  
9             user activation thereof; and  
10                 a pay table calculator in communication with said game controller to  
11                 calculate a composite pay table based on joint possible results of said multiple ones of  
12                 said plurality of games initiated by said user activation.
  
- 1           2. (canceled)
  
- 1           3. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,  
2             wherein said composite pay table defines a new game.
  
- 1           4. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,  
2             wherein said composite pay table defines a bonus table.
  
- 1           5. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,  
2             and further comprising a network interface in communication with said game controller,  
3             enabling communication with said game controller from a remote location.
  
- 1           6. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said  
2             remote location is a separate electronic gaming device.

1           7. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein a  
2 plurality of separate electronic gaming devices communicate with said game controller.

1           8. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said  
2 composite pay table is communicated to each of said plurality of separate electronic  
3 gaming devices.

1           9. (previously presented) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein said user-actuatable input means is a touch-screen video monitor.

1           10. (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game  
2 comprising the steps of:

3                 selecting a first game from a menu comprising a plurality of games  
4 presented by an electronic gambling device;  
5                 supplementing said selection of said first game by a further selection of an  
6 additional game from said menu of said plurality of games;  
7                 generating a composite pay table based on a first pay table for the first  
8 game and a second pay table based on the additional game; and  
9                 substantially simultaneously initiating play and concurrently playing said  
10 first and said additional games.

1           11. (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game  
2 according to Claim 10, and further comprising:  
3                 providing an alternative pay table based upon the games selected; and  
4                 presenting said alternative pay table to a user of said electronic game in  
5 the form of additional betting and winning opportunitieswherein the third pay table  
6 comprises at least one of a new game and a bonus game.

1           12. (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game  
2 according to Claim 11, and further comprising;  
3                 establishing communications between a plurality of electronic gambling  
4 devices; and

5 | communicating said alternative third pay table to said plurality of  
6 | electronic gambling devices.

1           13. (currently amended) A method for providing a plurality of  
2 | electronic games on an electronic gaming device, the method comprising:  
3 |           providing a menu including the plurality of electronic games, each  
4 |           electronic game in the plurality of electronic games being independent of one another;  
5 |           receiving a selection for two or more of the plurality of electronic games;  
6 |           determining a composite pay table for the selected two or more games  
7 |           based on the two or more games selected and a wager received for each of the selected  
8 |           two or more games, wherein the composite pay table is based on joint outcomes of the  
9 |           two or more games selected;  
10 |           substantially simultaneously initiating play of the selected two or more  
11 |           electronic games; and  
12 |           playing the selected two or more electronic games substantially  
13 |           simultaneously.

1           14. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 13, further  
2 | comprising receiving a wager for each of the selected two or more games.

1           15. (canceled)

1           16. (canceled)

1           17. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,  
2 | wherein the pay table calculator calculates the composite pay table using odds of the  
3 | multiple ones of said plurality of electronic games and wagers received for the multiple  
4 | ones of said plurality of electronic games.

1           18. (previously presented) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1,  
2 | wherein at least one of the plurality of games is a progressive game.

1           19. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 10, wherein  
2 at least one of the first game and additional game comprise a progressive game.

1           20. (currently amended) A gaming device comprising:  
2           a display of a plurality of games;  
3           a game selection input configured to receive a selection of a first and  
4 second game from the plurality of games;  
5           a pay table generator configured to generate a third pay table based on a  
6 first pay table for the first game and a second pay table for the second game; and  
7           a game controller configured to substantially simultaneous start game play  
8 of the selected first and second game in response to a single user input, ~~wherein the game~~  
9 ~~play of the first and the second game is controlled by the game controller and is self-~~  
10 ~~contained in the gaming device.~~

1           21. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein  
2 the game controller is configured to generate a result for the first and second game,  
3 wherein the display is configured to display the result.

1           22. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 21, wherein  
2 the result comprises a first result for the first game and a second result for the second  
3 game, wherein the first and the second result are determined substantially simultaneously.

1           23. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, further  
2 comprising a wager input configured to receive a wager amount for the first and second  
3 game.

1           24. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 23, wherein the  
2 result ~~comprises~~ corresponds to an award based on the wager amount.

1           25. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein  
2 the first and second games are independent games.

1           26. (canceled)

1           27. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 2026, wherein a  
2 result for the first and second game is awarded from the generated third pay table.

1           28. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein  
2 the display is configured to display the game play of the first and the second game  
3 substantially simultaneously.

1           29. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein at  
2 least one of the first and the second games comprises a progressive game.

1           30. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, further  
2 comprising a selection input configured to receive any selections by a player that are  
3 required for the first and second game, wherein the selections are received before game  
4 play of the first and second games is initiated.

1           31. (Currently amended) A method for providing game play using a  
2 gaming device, the method comprising:

3           displaying a menu of a plurality of games on the gaming device;  
4           receiving a selection for a first game and a second game in the plurality of  
5 games;

6           receiving a wager for the first game before initiation of play for the first  
7 and the second game;

8           receiving a wager for the second game before initiation of play for the first  
9 and the second game;

10           determining a third pay table based on a first pay table for the first game  
11 and a second pay table for the second game;

12           receiving a single user input to initiate game play;  
13           substantially simultaneously initiating play and continuing game play for  
14 the first and the second games; and

15           displaying a result for the first and the second games.

1               32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first  
2 and second games are initiated and played in an independent gaming device.

1               33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further  
2 comprising determining a result for the first and second games, wherein the result for the  
3 first and the second game are controlled and determined by an independent gaming  
4 device.

1               34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first  
2 and second games are independent games.

1               35. (canceled)

1               36. (canceled)

1               37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further  
2 comprising displaying the game play of the first and the second game substantially  
3 simultaneously.

1               38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein at least  
2 one of the first and the second games comprises a progressive game.

1               39. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising:  
2                   determining a first award-result based on the game play of the first game;  
3                   and  
4                   determining a second award-result based on the game play of the second  
5                   game,  
6                   wherein determining the first and the second award-results are done  
7                   substantially simultaneously.

1               40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further  
2 comprising receiving any selections by a player that are required for the first and second

3 game, wherein the selections are received before game play of the first and second games  
4 is initiated.

1 41. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2 the play of the multiple ones of said plurality of games is self-contained in the gaming  
3 apparatus.

1 42. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, further  
2 comprising a display configured to display the substantially simultaneous play of the  
3 multiple ones of said plurality of games.

1 43. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2 the multiple ones of said plurality of games are independent games.

1 44. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2 the game controller is configured to generate a result for the multiple ones of said  
3 plurality of games substantially simultaneously.

1 45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein playing  
2 the first and said additional games is self-contained in the electronic gambling device.

1 46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further  
2 comprising displaying the concurrent play of the first game and said additional games.

1 47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first  
2 and said additional games are independent games.

1 48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further  
2 comprising substantially simultaneously generating a result for the first game and said  
3 additional games.

1 49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the play  
2 of the two or more electronic games is self-contained in the electronic gaming device.

1               50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further  
2 comprising displaying the concurrent play of the two or more electronic games.

1               51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the two  
2 or more electronic games are independent games.

1               52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further  
2 comprising substantially simultaneously generating a result for the two or more electronic  
3 games.

1               53. (new) The method of claim 52, further comprising awarding an  
2 award from the third pay table if the result is a winning result.

1               54. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to generate a result for each of the multiple ones of said plurality  
3 of games.

1               55. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 54, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to award an award for a game in the multiple ones of said  
3 plurality of games if the result for the game is a winning result.

1               56. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 54, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to award an award from the composite pay table based on joint  
3 results for the multiple ones of said plurality of games.

1               57. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 3, wherein a wager is  
2 received in order to participate in the new game.

1               58. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 7, wherein the controller is  
2 configured to determine an award from the composite pay table.

1               59. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 58, wherein the award is  
2 based on joint possible outcomes of said multiple ones of said plurality of games from at  
3 least two electronic gambling devices in the plurality of separate gaming devices.

1               60. (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising determining a  
2 first result for the first game and an additional result for the additional game.

1               61. (new) The method of claim 60, further comprising:  
2                      awarding an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning  
3 result for the first pay table; and  
4                      awarding an award from the second pay table if the second result is a  
5 winning result for the second pay table.

1               62. (new) The method of claim 60, further comprising awarding an  
2 award for the third pay table if a combination of the first result and second result is a  
3 winning result in the third pay table.

1               63. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein if the third pay table  
2 comprises a new game, the method further comprising receiving a wager to participate in  
3 the new game.

1               64. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 12, wherein the controller is  
2 configured to determine an award from the composite pay table.

1               65. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 64, wherein the award is  
2 based on joint possible outcomes of said multiple ones of said plurality of games from at  
3 least two electronic gambling devices in the plurality of separate gambling devices.

1               66. (new) The method of claim 13, further comprising determining a  
2 result for each of the two or more games.

1               67. (new) The method of claim 66, further comprising:  
2                      awarding an award for a game in the two or more games if the result for  
3 the game is a winning result.

1               68. (new) The method of claim 66, further comprising awarding an  
2 award for the composite pay table if a combination of the result for each of the two or  
3 more games is a winning result in the composite pay table.

1           69. (new) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to determine a first result for the first game and a second result  
3 for the second game.

1           70. (new) The gaming device of claim 69, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to:  
3                 award an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning  
4 result for the first pay table; and  
5                 award an award from the second pay table if the second result is a winning  
6 result for the second pay table.

1           71. (new) The gaming device of claim 69, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to award an award for the third pay table if a combination of the  
3 first result and second result is a winning result in the third pay table.

1           72. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the result comprises a first  
2 result for the first game and a second result for the second game.

1           73. (new) The method of claim 72, further comprising:  
2                 awarding an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning  
3 result for the first pay table; and  
4                 awarding an award from the second pay table if the second result is a  
5 winning result for the second pay table.

1           74. (new) The method of claim 72, further comprising awarding an  
2 award for the third pay table if a combination of the first result and second result is a  
3 winning result in the third pay table.